# The Wings of the Morning By LOUIS TRACY Copyright, 1993, by Edward J. Clode

Mir Jan was startled.

or two at a pinch."

drink?

water.

"Ghost! That is a tale for children.

There is no ghost, only a few bones

drels long ago. Have you any food?"

The sailer had left the crowbar be

neath. He secured a rifle, a spare clip

Jan was concerned. She was natural-

ly delighted and forgot her fears in

his health in a brimming beaker of

action of the rifle. Fortunately Irla

while the two men conferred. Hence

"Robert!" she screamed, "The Dy-

Two of the nickel bullets struck a pro-

jection and spleshed the leading sav-

Unfortunately Jenks' rifle beneath

she was the first to detect, or, rather,

the cliff from Turtle beach.

iges with molten metal.

hendlong for the entrance.

his onward progress.

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MEN AND WOMEN.

Jenks whipped out his revolver.

aks! On your left!"

"Cursing, sahib, for the most part, His men are frightened. He wanted them to try once more with the tubes that shoot polson, but they refused. He could not come alone, for he could not use his right hand, and he was wounded by the blowing up of the rock. You nearly killed me, too, sahib. I was there with the bazaar-born whelps, By the prophet's beard, it was a fine

"Are they going away, then?"
"No, sahib. The dogs have been

whipped so sore that they snarl for re- | you if you keep a full magazine. Wait venge. They say there is no use in firing at you, but they are resolved to kill you and the miss sahib or carry her off if she escapes the assault." "What assault?"

"Protector of the poor, they are building scaling ladders-four in all. Soon after dawn they intend to rush your position. You may slay some, they say, but you cannot slay threescore. Taung S'Ali has promised gold to every man who survives if they succeed. They have pulled down your signal on the high rocks and are using the poles for the ladders. They think you have a charm, salib, and they want to use your own work against you."

This was serious news. A combined attack might indeed be dangerous, though it had the excellent feature that if it failed the Dyaks would certainly leave the Island. But his sky sign de stroyed! That was bad. Had a vessel chanced to pass the swinging letters would surely have attracted attention. Now even that faint hope was dis-

"Sahib, there is a worse thing to tell." said Mir Jan.

"Say on, then." "Before they place the ladders against the cliff they will build a fire of green wood so that the smoke will be blown by the wind into your eyes. This will help to blind your aim. Otherwise you never miss."

"That will assuredly be awkward, Mir Jan."

"It will, sahib. Soul of my father, if we had but half a troop with us"-

But they had not, and they were both so intent on the conversation that they were momentarily off their guard. Iris was more watchful. She fancled there was a tight rustling amid the under growth beneath the trees on the right. And she could hiss, too, if that were the correct thing to do. So she hissed.

Jenks swarmed halfway up the lad-

"Yes, Iris," he said. "I am not sure, but I imagine some-

thing moved among the bushes behind "All right, dear. I will keep a sharp

lookout. Can you hear us talking?" "Hardly. Will you be long?"

"Another minute." He descended and told Mir Jan what the miss sahib said. The native was about to make a search when Jenks stopped him.

"Here"-he handed the man his revolver-"I suppose you can use this?" Mir Jan took it without a word, and Jenks felt that the incident atoned for previous unworthy doubts of his dark friend's honesty. The Mohammedan eautiously examined the back of the house, the neighboring sbrubs and the open beach. After a brief absence he reported all safe, yet no man has ever been nearer death and escaped it than he during that reconnoissance. He, too, forgot that the Dyaks were foxes, and foxes can lie close when hounds are a

Mir Jan returned the revolver. "Sahlb," he said, with another sa laam, "I am a disgraced man, but if you will take me up there with you I will fight by your side until both my arms are backed off. I am weary of these thieves. Ill chance threw me into their company. I will have no more of them. If you will not have me on the rock, give me a gun. I will hide among the trees, and I promise that some of them shall die tonight before they find me. For the honor of the regiment, sahib, do not refuse this thing. All I ask is if your bonor escapes that you will write to Kurnal I-shpence-sahib and tell him the last

act of Mir Jan, corporal in B troop." Jenks was profoundly moved. He reflected how best to utilize the services of this willing volunteer without exposing him to certain death in the manner suggested. The native misin terpreted his silence.

"I am not a rascal, sahib," he exclaimed proudly. "I only killed a man

"Listen, Mir Jan. You cannot well mend what you have said. The Dyaks, you are sure, will not come before morning?"

"They have carried the wounded to the boats and are making the lad-Gers. Such was their talk when I left

"Will they not miss you?" "They will miss the goatskin, sahib.

It was the last full one." "Mir Jan, do as I bid and you shall see Delhi agalu. Have you ever used

a Lee-Metford?" "I have seen them, sahib, but I better understand the Maktini." "I will give you'a ride, with plenty

of ammanition. Do you go inside the cave, there, and"-

pum of the blow lent emphasis to the swing with which the implement descended upon some portion of a Dyak anatomy. Jenks never knew where he racked lib. cracked like an eggshell.

He had not time to recover the bar for another blow, so he drove the point in the gullet of a gentleman who was



the excitement caused by the appear- about to make a vicious sweep at him ance of so useful an ally. She drank with a parang. The downfail of this worthy caused his immediate succesand saw the two step out into the Jumped up the ladder and reached the moonlight, while Jenks explained the ledge without injury.

These things happened with the was now much recovered from the speed of thought. Within forty seconds fatigue and privation of the earlier of Iris' shrill cry the sailor was breast hours. Her senses were sharpened to high with the ledge and calling to her: "All right, old girl! Keep it up!"

a pitch little dreamed of by stay-at-But here he was close to her, unburt nome young ladies of her uge, and she deemed it her province to act as sentry and calmly jubilant, as was his way when a stiff fight went well. He was by her side now, firing and aiming, too, become conscious of, the stealthy crawl for the Dyaks broke cover recklessly of several Dyaks along the bottom of m running for shelter, and one may do fair work by moonlight.

She had strength enough left to place the rifle out of harm's way before she But Iris was rapidly gaining some broke down and sobbed not tearfully, knowledge of strategy. Before she but in a paroxysm of reaction. Soon shricked her warning she grasped a all was quiet beneath save for the larifle. Holding it at the "ready"-about bored efforts of some wounded men to the level of her waist-and depressing get far away from that accursed rock. the muzzle sufficiently, she began firing Jenks was able to turn to Iris. He endown the side of the rock as fast as deavored to allay her agitation and she could handle lever and trigger, succeeded somewhat, for tears came, and she clung to him. It was useless to reproach him. The whole incident was unforeseen. She was herself a was unloaded, being in Mir Jan's pos-"You have been a very good little

session for purposes of instruction. girl and have earned your supper," he "To the cave?" he roared, and Mir said, Jan's unwillingness to face a goblin

could not withstand the combined impetus of the sahib's order and the onward rush of the enemy. He darted Jenks, shooting blindly as be, too, ted the enemy so promptly and blazed er just as his left hand clutchel a

rung. Three Dyaks were so close that "I vow and declare that after we it would be folly to attempt to climb. have eaten something and sampled our He threw the weapon into the face of remaining bottle of wine I will tell you Ry). the foremost man, effectually stopping exactly what happened."

"Why not now?" The sailor turned to dive into the "Because I must first see to Mir Jan. cave and secure the rifle from Mir-I bundled him neck and crop into the cave. I hope I did not hurt him."

"You are not going down there again?" "No need, I trust." He went to the side of the ledge, recovered the ladder which he had hastily hauled out of the Dyaks' reach aft-

er his climb, and cried: "Mic Jan." "Ah, sahib! Praised be the name of the Most High, you are alive. I was searching among the slain with a sor-

rowful heart." The Mohammedan's voice came from some little distance on the left. "The slain, you say. How many?"

"Five, sahib." "Impossible! I fired blindly with the revolver and only hit one man hard with the iron bar. One other dropped

pear the wood after I obtained a rine." "Then there be six, sahib, not reckoning the wounded. I have accounted for one, so the miss sahib must have"-"What is he saying about me?" inquired Iris, who had risen and joined her lover.

"He says you absolutely staggered the Dyaks by opening fire the moment they appeared."

"How did you come to slay one, Mir Jan?" he continued. "A son of a black pig followed me into the cave. I waited for him in the

darkness. I have just thrown his body outside." "Well done! Is Taung S'All dead by

any lucky chance?" "No, sahib, if he be not the sixth, I will go and see."

"You may be attacked." "I have found a sword, sahib. You left me no cartridges."

Jenks told him that the clip and the twelve packets were lying at the foot of the rock, where Mir Jan speedily discovered them. The Mohammedan gave satisfactory assurance that he uuderstood the mechanism of the rifle by filling and adjusting the magazine.

The sailor stood in instant readiness and Mir Jan, a devoted adherent, was to make a counter demonstration were scated beside the skeleton in the gloom ducah, Ky. the native assailed. But there was no of the cavern. sign of the Dyaks. Mir Jan returned

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Some years ago while at work, I fell over a truck and severely injured both of my shins. My blood became poisoned as a result, and the doctor told me I would have running sores for life, and that if they were healed up the result would be fatal. Under this discouraging report I left off their treatment and resorted to the use of S. S. S. Its effects were prompt and gratifying. It took only a short while for the medicine to entertain the meeting in royal style.

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## water. She heard her lover rejoin Mir Jan portunity. With the agility of a cat he Eczema

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with the news that the sixth victim of the brief yet fierce encounter was a renegade Malay. He was so confident that the enemy had enough of it for the night that, after recovering Jenks' revolver, he boldly went to the well and drew himself a supply of water. During supper Jenks told Iris so

-that is to say, he cut down the casualty list.

It was easy to see what had happened. The Dyaks, having missed the searched for him and heard the con-Knowing that their presence was suspected, they went back for re-enforcements and returned by the shorter and more advantageous route along Turtle

Iris would have talked all night, but Jenks made her go to sleep by pillowsmoothing her tangled tresses with his rine ways.

He managed to lay her on a comfortable plie of ragged clothing and then resumed his vigil. Mir Jan offered to mount guard beneath, but Jenks bade him go within the cave and remain there, for the dawn would soon

be upon them. Left alone with his thoughts, he won- always recommended it to my friends dered what the rising sun would bring in its train. He reviewed the events as I am confident there is no better of the last twenty-four hours. Iris and made. 'It is a dandy for burns.' Those he-Miss Deane, Mr. Jenks, to each who live on farms are especially liaother-were then undiscovered in their ble to many accidental cuts, burns, refuge, the Dyaks were gathered bruises, which heal rapidly when around a roaring fire in the valley, and Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. Mir Jan was keen in the hunt as the it should always be kept in the house Then he went to examine the corpse of the man who lay in the open near the quarry path.

Keenest arong them. Now Iris was his affianced bride, over twenty of the enemy were killed and many wounded, bottle.

SMITHLAND NOTES,

(Livingston Democrat.) The ministers and members' meet ing of Ohio River Association will month. This will be a centennial

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much of the story as was good for her Louisville Man Spoke Here Last Night.

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